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County Executive

July 10, 2008

Mr. John H. Carman, Chairman  
Montgomery County BRAC  
Implementation Committee  
101 Monroe Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Carman:

Thank you for your letter of June 25, 2008, on behalf of the BRAC Implementation Committee regarding Montgomery County's project requests for the Maryland Department of Transportation's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for 2009. I appreciate the diligence of the Committee members and always value the advice I receive from them.

Each year the County Executive and Council President submit a letter to the County's General Assembly delegation in Annapolis listing the County's top priorities for projects to be included in the State's annual Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). As you know, the Planning Board held a hearing on this matter on June 19, 2008, to initiate the process for 2009. In that regard, I appreciate the initiative taken by your Committee to ensure that BRAC projects received proper consideration. The Planning Board submitted its formal recommendations to us on June 24, 2008. I instructed staff from the County's Department of Transportation (DOT) to confer with County Council staff to refine the Planning Board's recommendations and draft the 2009 project letter to our General Assembly delegation.

I am happy to report that on July 7, 2008, the Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee recommended for approval by the full Council a draft letter to the County's General Assembly delegation. The draft letter includes language urging that the BRAC transportation improvements project at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda be included in the CTP as a high priority project of regional or statewide significance. If it is approved by the full Council, the letter will urge that this project should be funded and move forward to completion.

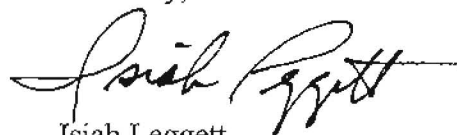
I agree that the eastside Medical Center Metro entrance and turn lane improvements at the NNMC main gates are essential projects. As you know I am already working with federal officials to secure federal funding for this project. I am optimistic that we will succeed in this effort, but we will consider these requests for inclusion in subsequent CTP project requests if we are not successful.

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We were not able to include the BRAC-related studies relating to transportation in the greater MD 355 corridor or for a Beltway slip ramp because the County's project list already includes many necessary study requests for which development and evaluation funds have long been requested but remain unfunded.

As always, the advice I receive from the BRAC Implementation Committee is important to me. The Committee's work is an essential part of the County's efforts to respond to the impacts of BRAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Isiah Leggett", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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County Executive

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